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SUBJECT: SOVIET REACTION TO THATCHER SPEECH ON DEFENSE

POLICY

REF: LONDON 956 (BEING RELAYED MOSCOW)

1. LOCAL SOVIET REACTION TO CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADER
MARGARET THATCHER'S SPEECH ON UK DEFENSE POLICY (REFTEL)
HAS BEEN UNUSUALLY SWIFT AND SEVERE.

2. SOVIET AMASSADOR LUNKOV CALLED ON MINISTER OF STATE
LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS ON JANUARY 22 AND, IN AN HOUR-LONG
MEETING, PROTESTED THE TENOR AND SUBSTANCE OF THATCHER'S
REMARKS. GORMNWy-ROBERTS REPLIED THAT UK IS A DEMOCRACY
WHERE PEOPLE ARE FREE TO SPEAK ON THOSE MATTERS WHICH THEY
SEE FIT.

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3. ON JANUARY 23, SOVIET MINISTER-COUNSELLOR SEMENOV PRESENTED SIMILAR PROTEST TO SHADOW FOREIGN SECRETARY REGINALD MAUDLING.

4. OTHER SOVIET DIPLOMATS HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY PUMPING THEIR BRITISH AND THIRD-NATIONAL CONTACTS FOR INTERPRETATIONS OF THATCHER'S SPEECH.

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